

REMARKS:

This paper is filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on August 6, 2008 for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application, which rejected claims 1-37 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brecher (US7,054,754) in view of Shanahan and which objected to claims 38-39 only for being dependent upon a rejected base claim

Independent claims 1 and 25 have been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter from respective claims 38 and 39. A spelling error is also corrected at claim 25. Claims 3-4, 27-28, and 38-39 are canceled herein. From the reasoning of the office action, claims 1 and 25 as amended herein are seen to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 5-12 depend from claim 1 as amended and for at least that reason are seen to be in condition for allowance. Claims 26 and 29-34 depend from claim 25 as amended and for at least that reason are seen to be in condition for allowance.

System claims 13 and 35 are also amended with the subject matter deemed by the office action to be allowable, and claim 35 is further amended to correct a spelling error. Dependent claims 15-16 are canceled. Similar to claims 1 and 25 and consistent with the substance of the office action, claims 13 and 35 as amended herein as well as their dependent claims 14, 17-24 and 36-37 are seen to be in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the now-pending claims 1-2, 5-14, 17-26, 29-37 as presented herein are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and these claims now be passed to issue. The Applicants' representative listed below welcomes the opportunity to resolve any matters that may remain via teleconference, at the Examiner's discretion.

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